THE PARK THEATRE BURNED Continued from First Page.

theatre at 7 p. m. on each day of a performance in the theatre and he has had employes of the theatre manager designated to work under his instructions in case of fire. Many persons spoke of the fortunate happening of the gre at the time it occurred instead of in the evening when the house would have been crowded with one of the best andiences ever gathered in the city. The nature of the accident, however, that started the fire, makes it improbable that it could have occurred after everything was in readiness and the employes at their posts.

DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING.

The Park Theatre was one of the smallest in the city, having a seating capacity of about 1,000. The theatre building proper fronted in Twenty-second-st, and ran back into the centre of the block Asit is always deemed desirable to have an en trance from Broadway to a theatre, if possible, was made for the Park. This ance was about half way between Twenty-first and Twenty-second-sts. There were two large pairs of glass doors in it, opening into a small lobby, on the north side of which was the ticket office. A row of leather-covered doors gave access to the inner lobby, where a flight of three steps, surmounted by an iron gateway, at which the doorkeeper stood, gave access to the auditorium. When a person entered the theatre he found himself upon the left hand of the auditorium and facing the other side. The aisles were at right angles with the main entrance. The lower floor was filled with orchestra chairs and contained two large private boxes, one on each side. That on the left, Box A, was Mr. Abbey's. The orchestra chairs were low and broad and were upholstered in crimson plesh. On the back of each seat was a tidy. These were made by Mrs. Abbey. A flight of stairs at the left of the entrance to the orchestra led to the dress circle, or second floor. The seats there were similar to those in the orehestra. The balcony, or third floor, had folding chairs upholstered in crimson leather. On each side of the dress circle there were two small private boxes, and on each side of the balcony there was one. The theatre was throughout with a dark crim-Brussels carpet. The railings around the dress circle and balcony were of iron, ornamental in design, and desorated in white and gold. A heavy rail of wood covered with crimson velvet ran around the tops. Besides the main entrance there were exits to Twenty-second-st. by means of hallway near the Broadway front and by means of staircases behind the private boxes on the other side. The decorations throughout the theatre were in gold, whire and crimson, the curtains in the boxes being mostly in gold. The drop curtain, painted by Hoyt, represented satin drapery.

Into the hallway on the Broadway side of the second floor opened the toilet-rooms, the cloak-room, the business manager's office, and Mr. Abbev's private office. The latter room had been recently furished and decorated by Mr. Abbey and was very bandsome. The carpet was a heavy Axminster of Persian pattern, the body color being an insthetic pale green. The hangings were Turcoman cross es, with maroon as the principal color. A wide Greek border ran around the top of the tinted walls and covered the edges of the ceiling. The lower sashes of the windows were filled with stained glass, which was set with prisms of white glass in a new The furniture was of red wood. This room Mr. Abbey had arranged to have used last night and during the remainder of Mrs. Laugtry's engagement as a retiring-room for ladies. Opposite it a cloak-room had been fitted up. Carriage vere to arrive at the Twenty-second-st. entrance.

The stage of the Park Theatre was in the Twentyscond-st, end of the building. It was about sixty feet wide from wall to wall, and had a pro scenium opening of about twenty-eight feet The height from the stage to the rigging loft above it was sixty-eight feet. Grooves, in which the old-fashioned "flats" are shifted, were not used, changes of scene during an act being effected by means of "drop scenes. The dressing rooms were under the stage against the wall on the Twenty-second-st, side. Windows open into them and escape would have been an easy natter for the company if they had been in the ilding when the fire broke out. The stage entrane was on the west side of the house, and from it passage about four feet wide led directly to the uditorium, running behind Mr. Abbey's private box. There were two property rooms, one on the left of the stage and another in the shop was above the auditorium and the paintat the back of the flies. There was not great deal of material stored under the stage yesternay, but the usual number of traps with their appurtenances supplied the fire with plenty in the house. Most of this, being in the chape of drop scenes, was hanled up into the flies, above the stage, and so fed the ascending flames with fresh material of a highly combustible na-

At the time when the fire broke out one of the scenes which was to be used in "An Unequal Match" was set on the stage. This scene was what is known as a "box set"; that is, one which surrounds the stage except the proscent um. Only interiors are set in this way. This scene was a very handsome one. It was not painted by a scenic artist, but was whoily built. The panels were of old gold, satin hand-painted and embroidered with birds and flowers. These were surrounded with birds and flowers. These were surrounded with black satin. Around the top of the sene ran a carved cornice of eboutzed wood, four feet deep. There were three "see" doors, all built of richly carved eboutzed wood, and a mantelpiece, with a mirror on it, in similar style. The set of furniture in the scene was upholstered in old gold. This scene cost \$2,000. There was another interior scene for the play, planer in design. The set for the fiest act was an exterior. On the right of the stage was a blacksmith's shop, with the doors open, giving a view of the force within, above and around the shop was an arch of interfaced tree branches, while in the background was a view of the village. Mr. Hoyt, the scene-painter, in order to give height to the scene, had caused "borders" to be made which ran all the way to the rigging loft, nearly seventy feet above the stage. These were painted and then cut out so that spectators in the front rows could see no end to the toliage stretching upward. All of this scenery was destroyed, as well as the furniture and other stage settings which had been provided.

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The Park Theatre was opened in the spring of 1874, by William Stuart and Charles Fechter, with a play called "Love's Penance." Later on Chandos Fulton became interested in the management. Mr. Fechter played his entire round of parts there, but the engagement was not financially a great success. Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Florence produced B. E. Woolf's play. "The Mighty Dollar," in which Mr. Florence "created" the role of Bardwell Slote and Mrs. Florence that of Mrs. Gilfory. This play was performed one hundred nights, which was considered at that time a phenomenal run. On November 27, 1876. Mr. Abbey, who had been known as the manager of several stars, notably Lotta, opened the theatre. He devoted it to light comedy. At the Park Theatre John T. Raymond first appeared as Colonel Maistars, notably Lotta, opened the theatre. He devoted it to light comedy. At the Park Theatre John T. Raymond first appeared as Colonel Maiberry Sellers in Mark Twain's play, "The Gidded Age," which was the last piece performed in the theatre. Edward Sothern appeared at the Park Theatre for the first time in "The Crushed Tragedian." This was probably the most successful financial production ever made at the house, except, perhaps, that of Leonard Grover's play, "Our Boarding House," with William Crane as Colonel Elevator and Stuart Robson as Professor Gillypod. W. S. Gilbert's comedy, "Engaged," was also there first presented in America. Mr. Sothern was to have played the leading part, and it was anticipated that he would have made a great success in it, but he was taken ill and did not come to America that-year. The part was played by James Lewis. Mrs. Agnes Booth scored a triumph in a part which suited her admirably. Lotta played several successful engagements at the Park. "The Legion of Honor" and "The Baffled Beauty." Neither of these achieved any extended run, though the former was highly praised, and in it Lewis Morrison and the late Samuel Piercy were much admired. Clara Morris also played at the Park in "Alixe" and "Article 47."

EXPERIENCES OF MEN IN THE THEATRE. H. Carpenter, the advertising agent of the theatre, was in the lower office. "I was belping them get ready for the evening," said he, "as I had nothing else to do. The janitress came down in the greatest excitement and shouted 'Fire!' I jumped out of the office and up to the doorway of the auditorium, where I saw a terrible sight. The fire was just roaring. It seemed to have caught in front of receiving the alarm," he said. "The only delay broken.

the curtain. But in the excitement no one's judgment could be relied on. I went back to the office, helped to gather up the books, money and tickets, and retreated to the opposite side of the street." J. H. Palser, the house-manager, gave the follow-

ing account to a TRIBUNE reporter: " I was in the

lower office fixing up the tickets when I heard the woman's yell of 'Fire!' I thought at once of Tillotson in the office above and rushed up to give hun the alarm. He was talking with a TRIBUNE reporter, and I told them to get down and out pretty quick. I stopped to look in the door, where I saw a mass of flames. Then I sent out the alarm from the box at the stage door, got my books from the office and left the building, I tried to get a policeman to go up the ladder to the upper office and save the contracts and other papers, but it was so hot be would not try it, and I felt too nervous to try it after the excitement especially as I never climbed a ladder. One of the foremen of hose kept playing the stream of water persistently over the top of the low building against the wall of the theatre while the flames were gradually working into the offices. I asked him to change the direction and so save the offices, but he wouldn't. It was the quickest, hottest, worst fire

I ever saw."

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"I was just feeling happy," said C. H. Matthews,
the bookkeeper, "as I had all my work written up
and the Langtry engagement was all ready to begin. I had ordered a new hat, and just run across
the street to get it when I heard the alarm and
saw the flames. I had no time to get back to my
office, I tell you. Everything is in there—books,
papers and all—and I expect nothing will be left of
them."

James Connor, assistant treasurer of the theatre James Connor, assistant freasurer of the theatre, was in the box effice at the time the fire broke out.

"The first intimation we had of the fire was from pec sie who rushed into the entrance from the street and gave an alarm. We were told to make haste, as there was danger of our being cut off by the flames. I at once thought of the cash which had been taken in; there was about \$1,000 in the drawer, and the safe. I collected it all, stuffed it into my pocket, and then made for the door. The flames were already bursting through the deers between the lobby and auditorman, and the smoke was rapidly filling the lobby. I made my way to the street with considerable difficulty, and had a narrow escape from burning. As it is, I singed my nose considerably, as you see." The assistant treasurer's nose was decidedly red and swollen, as also were his eyes, in way. There seemed to be a long delay on the part of the Fire Department, for it was fally ten minutes -at least, it seemed so to me-before the engines arrived. I dare say it was not more than five, how-

Edward C. Smith, who had charge of the gas ar-Edward C. Smith, who had charge of the gas arrangements, taked with a reporter a few mininter after the lire engines arrived. He was holding his coat on his arm and was greatly excited. "I was in the theatro," he said, "when the fire began, not far from the stage. I just had time to grab my coat and get out before the flames filled the whole outliding. I think there was one man lost, but I don't know at name."

"Do you know what caused the fire ?" asked the reporter.

I don't; but I am sure it was not from any fault of the gas. In fact, there was only one burich of jets lighted, and it was in the middle of the stage, a considerable distance from the place

of the stage, a considerable discussion where the fire started."

"When did you first see the flames?"

"In front of the curtain in a line with the upper box on the left side of the stage. I heard the border light falling as I came out."

LOSSES BY THE FIRE.

The fire had a costly feast inside the theatre. Λ little over a year ago Mr. Abbey had refurnished the interior with the richest material at a cost of about \$30,000. Mr. Abbey's private office had been fitted up as a tolletroom for the ladies to use during Mrs. Langtry's engagement. It was provided with elegant mirrors, easy chairs and other conveniences. A number of bouquets graced the room, and one or two pictures of Mrs. Langery and several of other actresses or actors were on the walls or tables. fothing was saved from the offices on the second floor. In the office of C. H. Matthews, the private bookkeeper, which was next to Mr. Abbey's, were the ledger, cash and other books used by him, and a case of pigeon-holes full of contracts with a hundred or more actors and actresses. Most of these were old contracts, but there were also others for the coming season. The safe was not large enough to contain these, and it was thought last night that all had been destroyed. The scenery burned was of the finest description, as were also the costumes of the company. Mrs. Langtry's toilets narrowly escaped being burned, as they would have been sent down from her rooms to the theatre in a short time. The other actresses of the company lost the dresses is one. estate, of which Levi P. Morion and William Jay.

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C. H. George, importer of paper langings and manafacturer of mural decorations, occupied the first floor of No. 936 and 938 Broadway. He had a stock valued at \$100,000, and tasared for \$41,500.

a stock valued at \$100,000, and tosured for \$11,500. The damage in his warerooms was caused entirely by waiter, and was estimated at \$30,000. Most of the second floor above Mr. Goorge's store was occupied by Pearson & Scarlett, merchant tailors, who recently opened the store. They were formerly in the employ of J. W. Beil, a Fitth-ave tailor, and are said to have invested \$3,000 in their new enterprise. Their ioss was about \$2,000, and they were not insured. Above their rooms were the storage froms for stage scenery. The roof of this portion of the building was burned away and all the see nery in the rooms was destroyed. The losses and insurances, in tabulated form, are as follows: Insurance
 C. H. George
 30,000

 L. H. Goldsmith
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 D. E. Lancaster
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 Pearson & Scarlett
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 Loss on Eulidings
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WORK OF THE FIREMEN AND POLICE. The first alarm was given from box No. 379, in Twenty-fourth-st., by Fireman Christopher Flick, who happened to be passing the theatre. Engines Nos. 14, 16 and 1 were on hand in a few minutes. They were stationed at Twenty-third and Twentysecond-sts The firemen iaid hose to the Broadway entrance of the theatre and carried the first stream through the lobby, but within ten minutes the fire burned so furiously that it became hazardous for them to remain. Second and third alarms were sent out almost immediately. The first engines to respond were Nos. 5, 33 and 18, which took up positions at Twentysecond and Twentieth-sts. Companies Nos. 19, 26, 3, 21, 25 and 26, with trucks Nos. 3, 5, 7 and 12, followed without delay. Chief Bates and Assistant-Chief Shay directed the forces of the department, assisted by Battalion Chiefs Reeves, Miller, Bresnan, Fisher, Campbell, and Foreman Castles. The streets about Broadway and Twenty-secondst. were covered with a network of hose. The flames had burst through the windows in Twenty-second-st., and a dozen streams were levelled at the flames from that side. The firemen were forced to keep without the theatre on account of the high east and north walls, which hung apparently without support over the building on the corner. Still they poured a deluge of water through the windows of the north side and fought to keep the fire from

was in sending the alarm. As I understand it. Thomas Weston, a scenie artist, first at tempted to give the alarm by what we call a spectal bunding alarm, which was inside of the theatre. This would give us the alarm at headquarters directly, and as the wires were in working order and we did not get a signal from the theatre, it is pretty certain that Weston did not press the button which sets the instrument in notion. The inference is that he cut his hand so badly in breaking the glass, which was between himself and the button, that he either became frightened or was unable to give the alarm."

Inspector Thorne and Captain Williams were at the tree promptly, handling their forces so as to keep the crowd in Madison Square and the adjacent streets back from the firemen. Captain Daringof the Broadway Squad, was in immediate charge. Reserves from the Eighth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seyenteenth, Eighteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seyenteenth, Eighteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seyenteenth, Eighteenth, Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seyenteenth, Eighteenth, Fifteenth, and Twent, first Precincts stretched out in long lines around the outskirts of the fire, to make working room for the firemen and to keep the crowd back from the danger of falling walls.

The news of the fire created a sensation among the managers of the other theatres in the city. Expressions of sympathy for Mr. Abbey were frequent. "I was coming up from Long Branch," said Mr. Henderson, of the Standard Theatre, last evening. "when I heard the news. I could scarcely believe it at first. A fire in a theatre in the daytime can only come of the grossest carelessness, and you may be sure this was true in the present case. The feeling in theatrical circles will be, of course, one of profound sympathy for Mr. Abbey. He has shown a great deal of managerial courage in bringing Mrs. Langtry here. He has spent a great deal of money in preparation. Everything looked favorable and he deserved success. Under these circumstances Mr. Abber's mishap must ommand sympathy, and I feel sure that he has it.

sonly insured for \$10,000."
The news of the fire through the city had a per-eptility unfavorable industries on the size of the undercosin the various theatres last evening. An old Steele Mackaye, the dramatist, formerly the manager of the Madison Square Theatre, said to a reporter of The Tribune: "It is a horrible thing, horrible; but I am glad the old house is gone. It was never safe. I was passing the theatre when the flames first burst from the roof, and in less than five minutes, the whole healths. safe. I was passing the theatre when the flames first burst from the roof, and in less than five minutes the whole building was on fire. If it had broken out to-night after the play had begun not a hundred persons would have been saved. It is terrible to think of. The best families in New-York would have been there. The theatre would have been packed, and the loss of life cannot be imagined."

Horace S. Ely, or No. 22 Pinest, the agent of Avenue Horach he property, late last night made the it is more con following statement regarding the buildwho is now in Europe, and is held in trust by the trustees, of whom Colonel Willfam Jay I am not at liberty to name which they were to wear last evening. Among | the other, except to say that he is in Enrope, and has no active interest in it. Mrs. Fane was a

were injured in getting out on account of the rapid pread of the fire. They were as follows:

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Lang, Hashr, of No. 384 East Third-st., assistant
stage-carpeners, who was at work in the theatre
was enveloped by the flanes and hadly uproed. He
was taken to the New-York Hespital and was
thought by the surroun in charge there to be in a
critical condition, as besides being hadly burned he
had evidently imade the fire.

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rath up to the paint soop for a pail of water to throw
on the fire. On attempting to return to the strace he
found the flames raging in that direction and ran to
the roof. From the roof he jumped down to
the building at Twenty-second-st. and Broadway, about
thirty left below, and broke his lag below the kine.

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and was taken to the New-York Hospital.

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and the land cut splittly by briken glass while trying to send an airm from the stage.

ONE MAN THOUGHT TO BE LOST.

Late in the evening the friends of John Leo, a
stage-carpenter, living at No. 346 East Eighteenth
st., became a larmed because nothing had
been seen of him after the breaking
out of the fire. Leo was alone
in the shop over the auditorium, according to
the statement of Hamilton Weaver, the head carpenfer, when the ite broke out. "He had the
very best means of escape," said Mr.
Weaver, "as there was a ladder leading to the roof
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the roof a far better chance of escape than did Doran Clark, as he could pass along roof as fat as Twenty-first-st. We have seen ling of him, however, and there seems now the doubt but that he has perished in the flames. the roof as fat as Twenty-first-st. We have seen nothing of him, however, and there seems now little doubt but that he has perished in the flames."

Weaver's story was corroborated by several stage employes who were with him at midnight. The police telegraphed to Headquarters at 11 o'clock that Leo was missing and was supposed to be in the ruins. It was surmised that he had been surprised by the flames and smoke, forgot the escape to the roof and was overcome. At Leo's house his two daughters had learned of their father's possible death and were tearfully awaiting news of him at midnight. A young man named Ward, who said that he knew Leo well by sight, said that he was positive he saw Leo in the roof as fat as Twenty-first-st. We have seen by sight, said that he was positive he saw Leo well by sight, said that he was positive he saw Leo in front of the theatre about 10:30 o'clock. Two firemen were reported to have seen him, but no foundation for the story was discovered. Leo had been long employed at Niblo's, and since then has been in the employ of Mr. Abbey. He was forty-eight years of age and a widower.

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 30 .-- A down passenger train on the East Tennesace, Virginia and Georgia Railroad came in collision with an up freight train to-day, twelve miles below Home. A ffreman-Gresham-was killed, and an engineer-George Garvin-had a leg

GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS.

WORK OF THE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE. The Citizens' Committee of fifty held a needing yesterday at their headquarters, Joseph H. Choate presiding. A majority of the committee were present. M. W. Cooper, C. W. Bliss, L. W. Winchester, W. B. Sloan and Charles H. Isham were added to the Pinanes Committee. The various classes of business men are to be visited and asked to subscribe toward the expenses of the campaign. The committee resolved not to approve any of the amplifates for the Assembly. They probably will take no action also concerning the candidates for Aldermen, on the ground that it may injure the County ficket by leading to trading on

the part of the district candidates. on election night to defrand the

NEW HEADQUARTERS OPENED. The Republican City Committee last evening

The Young Republican Club met last night

andiences in the various theatres last evening. An old theatrical man was asked how he accounted for the fact. "It is a mere matter of feeling—of sentiment," was the reply. "A party going to the theatre hear of a fire at a place of amusement, and they decide not to go. It is simply an impuise. The thought comes to them that perhaps the house where they are going will burn us. The thought comes they are going will burn us. The thought comes they are going will burn us. The thought goes, but they do not. It is difficult to express the exact character of the influences to-night. But there is no doubt of its existence, I have had too many proofs of it to entertain a moment's doubt."

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would appoint for a reception from the club, reported that he had signified that next saturday would be a suitable day. C. C. Baidwin occupied the chair. A motion was adopted limiting speeches to five minutes, and allowing a speaker to talk only once. This device succeeded in preserving partial order. R. A. Van Wyck

President Arthur was engaged yesterday in packing his private papers, preparatory to removing hem to Wasnington. He has leased his house. No. 123 Lexington-ave., from November 1. On Thursday he goes to Washington, but he will return to this city on Tuesday to vote. He denied himself to nearly all callers

from 70,000 to 75,000.

THE PRESIDENT'S MOVEMENTS.

resterday. Last evening he dined with some friends. It is understood that the President is by no means pleased with the political outlook in this State. He sees little chance of a Republican victory. DEMOCRATIC ADVICES HOPEFUL. Advices received yesterday at the headquarters of the Democratic State Committee are to the effect that the Democratic vote in the country districts will be larger even than was anticipated.

Wagers were offered that the State ticket would come down to Harlem Bridge with a small Instrument of the candidate for Governor, predicted a struggle being argued in the United States Court,

the Assembly districts. The Republican Committee have not yet given up the hope of carrying the Assembly by a small majority. The State Committee say that they are confident that as great a number of Democrats will be elected as last year, and probably more. In this city, where a district is close politically, a strong pressure has been brought to bear to bring about a union between Tammany Hail and the County Democracy on one candidate, and in most instances this has been successful.

NOMINATIONS IN AND NEAR THE CITY. The VIIth District County Democracy As

sembly Convention met last night at No. 44 Clinton Place, and nominated Henry Marquand. A delegation from the Irving Hall Democracy announced that the nomination was approved by that organization. The Tammany Convention also approved the nomination.

The IXth District Tammany Assembly Convention ressembled at No. 513 Hudson-st, and approved the The 1st District Irving Hall Aldermen's Convention

net at No. 195 Hudson-st. and approved Thomas Foley

Convention nominated Philip B. Benjamin.
The Country Democracy and Tanmany Hall orstantions of the Xith District held conventions and reed upon the nominations of William Bennett for derinan, and J. Hampden Robb for Assemblyman. The German-American Independent Citizens' Associaion of the XIXth District held a convention at Eighth

ferming, H. J. Genet.
The Irving Hall XXth District Convention nominated Asjor Janoes Haggerty for the Assembly and Max Altmyer for Alderman.
The Anti-Monopoly League of the XIth Congressional District has approved O. B. Potter for Congress. Chomas Sarella, the nomines of the Thomas Jefferson Association for Alderman, was approved last night by the German-American Chipms, "Association of the IVth

ly. In the XXIVth District, Tammany and the County tennocracy head their Aldermen's and Assembly Convenients. Tammany Hall hominated as the candidate for dierman William Hong, and their action was rathfied of the other convention. The County Democrats placed

factions were wranging in regard to the candidates for the Assembly.

The County Democracy and Tammany Aldermen's and the County Democracy and Tammany Aldermen's and the XVIII of District were held. Fastick Kenney was nominated for Alderman, and Daniel F. Heklivy for the Assembly.

J. Homor Hilbrich was nominated for the Assembly by the Republicans of the XXXIVIn District.

The Democrats of the Vith District, we Jersey, have remominated Assembly man James C. Chirk.

The new permany in the 1st District of Hudson County for the election of a Republican candidat, for the Assembly, which was held last night, resulted in favor of r. F. Wanser by a majority of 116. Mr. Wanser was elected at a primary held two weeks ago, but upon the application of his opponent, R. B. Seymour, was declared that there was trand committed, a hew primary was ordered by the County Countings.

The Republican Convention of the H1d Assemoly District of Essex County, N.J., was held yesterday afernoon in South Orange. Unusual interest was felt in its the candidates for the nomination, Rolerick Robertson Mr. Robertson represented, the district last year and

ALEXANDER TAYLOR FOR CONGRESS.

Alexander Taylor, jr., was nominated for congress yesterday in the Xiith District, including Westehester County and the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Words of this city. E. H. Long presented the name of Mr. Taylor and moved his nomination by ac-clamation. He was unanimously nominated. A committee of five was appointed to walt upon him and solicithim to accept the nomination. To a TRIBUSE re-porter who usked Mr. Taylor last night whether he orier who asked Mr. Taylor has figur was several would run or not, he said: "Judge Robertson some time ago asked me If I would arkin become a candidate and I emphatically decimed and I thought that had added it until I received a telegram this evening, acquainting me with my nomination. Before civing a final decision on the matter it will be necessary for me to confer with my friends, and I shall be in all respects guided by the advice—although if I followed my

MR. MANN TO THE YOUNG REPUBLICANS. In the Xth Assembly District, Brooklyn, a sharp contest is in progress between W. J. Mann and ex-Assemblyman A. C. Chapin. To the resoluinnons of the Young Republican Club, denouncing him for violating the resolution of the club in regard to accepting office, Mr. Moun made an answer yesterday. He tated that he had sent in his resignation from the club before accepting the nomination, which was forced upon him against his wishes, upon the plea that he was the only man who could be at Mr. Chapin. In his course, he followed that of Mayor Low last year, who was a member

DR. TAYLOR TO BECOME A CITIZEN. The Rev. Dr. William M. Taylor, of the Broadway Tabornacle, at Sixth-ave. and Thirry-fourth-st, yesterday appeared at the office of the Clerk of the United States Circuit Court and declared his intention of becoming a citizen. He swore that he was born in Scot-iand and came to this country in 1872. He renomiced his allegiance to the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India. It will be two years before he can become a citizen.

NOTES O' THE CANVASS. The German Republican Association of the XX:h Assembly District more last evening to approve the Citizens' licket. Among the speakers of the evening were A. A. Hayes, Bernard Schwartz and Henry Van-

David M. Lindsay, the Republican nominee

David M. Landsay, the Reproductin nomines for Assemblyman is the Villin batrict of Brooklyn, resterday resigned his position as Street Inspector in the Department of Public Works, in order to conduct his can wass with more efficiency. It was rumored yesterday that a meeting of

solved to support the candidacy of John J. O'Brien for such meeting had been held, for the reason that it was not necessary, he being the camildate of the party. He added that he would remain in the field and would make a vigorous canvass, and he believed that he would be The Young Men's Independent Citizens'

Association held a ratification meeting at their rooms, No. 143 East Fifty-ninth-st., last evening, J. J. Connell presiding. Resolutions were adopted approving the Citizens' ticket and William L. Strong for Congress. C. P. Miller and Jacob Schoenhof were among the speakers of the evening.

Superintendent Walling issued the following general order to the Police Department yesterday: the registration having been completed, your atten-tion is again called to General Order No. 238. A partial list of names registered will be forwarded to you. A complete list can be found in the City Record, which you will take measures to verify, and if any persons are found to be registered filegally, you will cause their arrest." The registration having been completed, your atten-

George W. Bush, the regular Republican candidate for Alderman in the IXth District, has issued a circular to the voters of the district, in which he declares his belief in the principle of home rule for this city and his opposition to legislative home rule for this city and his openion is beginning interference; he havers the direct responsibility of commissions or boards to the Mayor; he heartly supports the nonlination of Allan Campbell; he wants clean and weil-paved streets and urges that all necessary public improvements should be pushed with energy, but insists on economy in city expenditure.

The Independent Prohibition party of this city held a convention last evening in the Union Taberancle in Thirty-fifth-st, near Broadway, and adopted resolutions approving the State Prohibition platform and ticket, and pledging earnest support. The committee appointed at the last meeting to nominate a candidate for Mayor, reported that they could find no representative man who would permit his name to be used for that purpose. The committee were authorized to select a candidate before election day, and to announce his name through the daily papers.

The large hall of the Bleecker Building last evening was packed with people met to raifly the Ro publican nominations. Bobert R. Carpenter presided. S. B. Dutcher, State Superintendent of Public Works, made a speech in which he arraigned the Democratic party, and taking up their platform, section after section, demonstrated the false position after sec-tion, demonstrated the false position in which they stood before the people. He showed that wherever there had been a real reduction in expendi-tures it had been due to Republican rule, and counselled a hearry support for the whole theket by the voters of the Ninth Ward.

The Greenback and anti-Monopoly leaders held a thinly attended meeting in Music Hall, Brooklyn, hast evening. It was presided over by James Allen, the

tween the workingmen and the menopoly interests, which would exceed the civil war in its intensity. Clinton Furbish denounced the course of Darwin R. James, the Republican candidate in the IIId Congressional District, for not planting himself squarely on the anti-Monopoly blaiform.

The Republicans of the XIXth Assembly District held a mass meeting at Eim Park last evening. About 500 people were present. The meeting was called to order by Andrew Bleakly, F. A. Thayer was elected chairman, Colonel George W. Carter, of New-Orieans, made the opening address. Common sense, nopefulness and pluck he declared to be the chief char-collection of the Republican party. During the three ritical periods of its history is had proved its right to an existence. Speeches were also made by Malor Willard Sullard, J. L. Hunt, General James O'Beliene and others. Resolutions approving the entire State and County tickets were adopted.

AN OPINION ON FRAUDULENT VOTING. ALBANY, Oct. 30 .- In response to a letter f inquiry from James J. Franklin, a candidate for the ly in this county, Attorney-General Rassell has

Assembly in this county, Attorney-General Russell has sendered the following opinion:

SIR: I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d inst., in which you ask: "If A having been only registered ac-ording to law. B should vote under the hance and add-tress of A, would B's having so voted affect A's right to rote." I fully agree with your view that it would not, with the A's vote might still be received should in the in-electer be convinced that he had sot already voted, and hast the vote cast in his name was freadment; east, it is proper to add that in a case of this kind the in-pec-ters should not with caution; but what evidence they

PLEDGED TO CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. ALBANY, Oct. 30 .- The three candidates for Congress in the XVIth District-Theodore Van Heusen, Republican, Thomas J. Van Alstyne, Democrat, and the Albany Civil Service Association, announced that they all leheve in a reform of the Civil Service and will, if elected, use their influence to secure the passage of

ASSEMBLY NOMINATIONS.

BUFFALO, Oct. 30,-The Republicans of the IVth District have nominated William T. Magodin for member of Assembly, and the Demograps of the same district have nominated Timothy W. Jackson. ALBANY, Oct. 30.—Andrew S. Drapec, who was a mem-

NOMINATED FOR CONGRESS. Boston, Oct. 30 .- At conventions held by the Greenbackers in the IIId and IVth Congressional

D stricts, Neenclas Furions, of the Twenty-third Ward, and F. C. Broghy, of the Fourteenth Ward, were respectively nominated. Attuerts, On , Oct. 30.—Seaborn Reese was nominated o-day to finl Mr. Stephens's unexpired term in Congress.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30 .- General Lucius H. Warren, Independent Republican, has consented to the use of his name as a conditate for Concress in the 1st District in opposition to General Burgham.

OBSECTATIONS ON THE COMET.

RESULTS OF THE STUDIES OF PROPESSOR BEES OF COLUMBIA.

The New-York Academy of Sciences met last night at No. 12 West Thirty-first-st., the president, Dr. J. S. Newberry, in the chair. Professor W. P. Troworidge read an interesting paper on the " importance of Experimental Researches in Mechanical Science." Professor John K. Rees, Director of the Observatory at clambia College, followed with a "Résumé of Obserations on Gould's Comet, now Visible," He said that after the man who discovered it. Mr. Cruls, of Rio de Cordoba, observed it before either of them. In England Mr. Comman saw it first on September 17. Mr. Cruis was of the opinion that this comet was the expected Pons comet of 1812; but this was a mistake, as the Pone comet should have appeared either to the north or

south of the present comet. Although bad weather had interfered with the observaons, enough had been taken to furnish trustworthy close to the sun at noon-time, and Mr. Gill observed the sudden disappearance of the comet at ingress on the sun's disc. If was not visible on the sun. The coines swept around the sun, passing its perihelion point in three and one-half hours. The velocity in turning about must have been enormous. The tail, before the comet passed around the sun, did not seem to have been of any great visible extent. Mr. Comman estimated the length of the tail on september 17 at about equal to one-eighth of the angular dismeter of the moon. But the bright of the angular dismeter of the moon.

To that the nucleus and assumed a true of bright-scattered through it. In a small telescope the assuppeared to be broken in two but, in a surge one was observed. A curious appearance was a both by Prolossor Young and the Washington, cres: a faint nebulosity extending our from the toward the sun for about three degrees from the

met toward the sun for about three degrees from the ad of the comet.

The same Rees then discussed the question as to the surface Rees that of the surface and there. He showed at whereas it might be expected that the comet would returned by pioushing through the come and there are of the sun, the calculations of Mr. Chandler are of the sun, the calculations of Mr. Chandler are of the sun, the calculations of Mr. Chandler are of the sun, the calculations of Mr. Chandler are of the sun, the calculations of Mr. Chandler are of the sun, the calculations of Mr. Chandler are the sun of the sun are the control of this demonstrated in Professor there's opinion that the count of this are was not identical with the counts of 1843 and so. One perfected into think that there need be any remediate the sun. The study of counts at their successive remandance, owing probably to the heat of the sun. Moreover, conomirs have not found the least effect of the attraction of counts an the planets, sithough they have someones been entangled among them. In conclusion Proson Rees gave exhibitions of lantern views showing three of remarkable comets and he explained by use of filmstrations the modern theory with regard the motivus and formation of the tails of counts.

ARRIVAL OF MADAME PATTI.

Madame Patti, accompanied by Signor Nicolini, arrived at Quarantine last night shortly before 13 o'clock, on the Cunard steamer Servia. As the vessel came to anchor, a Tribune reporter climbed over the side, and descending to the cabin found Madame Parti and Signor Moolini. The famous prima domai looked well, although she was somewhat tired after the passage. Her large eyes sparkled as she cheerily sabl: "I return to America with a great deal of pleasure. I like the country and the people, and look forward to appearing in opera under tolone! Mapleson's directions. He wrote me that extensive arrangements had been made and that the prospects for a brilliant season are very flattering. I supsoes we shall appear in several cities as well as in New-York.

The conversation with Madame Patti only lasted a mement. The voyage was a rather rough one. Madame Patti, although suffering from a slight cold, was on deck a large portion of the time. It was expected that a party would go down the bay to welcome Madame Patti, but as the steamer could not get over the bar until high water, the reception was chayed. The clock, on the Cunard steamer Servia. As the ves-

Path, but as the acception was delayed. The Servia will leave Quarantine about half-post 6 this morning. Madame Path will occupy rooms at the Windsor Hotel.

BILLIARDS AT ST. VINCENT'S FAIR.

An exhibition game of billiards, 150 points, cushion carom, was played last night between George Siosson and William Sexton at the fair of St. Vincent's Hospital, at the 22d Regiment Armory. St. Vincent's Hospital, at the 22d Regiment Armory.
The game was won by Slosson, by thirty-five points.
During the week billiard matches will be played
between the young men of the various lyceams or
unious of the Roman Catholic churches. Among
the noveities of the fair is a vote for County Clerk,
the most popular candidate to receive a diamond
sud. Mr. Keenan was shead, with Mr. Butler next, scud. Mr. Keenan was alead, with Mr. Butler next, and O'Brien a long way behind, just before closing last night. On Thursday a benefit will be given at the Grand Opera House by Mr. and Mrs. Florence, for the fair, Mr. Abbey having offered the house free of charge. The handsome horse which may be seen at the lair proves an attractive prize and will be raffied for on Saturday.

FALL OF THREE BUILDINGS.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 30,-Three four-story brick houses in Eighth-st., below Noble, which were blocking Eighth and Noble-sis. There were two families, including ten persons, living on the premises, but only one person, dirs. Margaret Finney, was scriously liqured, her left thigh being fractured and her face contused.

THE SANTA FE SCRIP PRAUDS.

YANKTON, Dak., Oct. 30.-W. D. Russell, John D. Cameron and P. A. Haverrold were arrested in: on Saturday night for complicity in the Santa Fo Scrip frauds, on indictments brought in St. Louis. Tury